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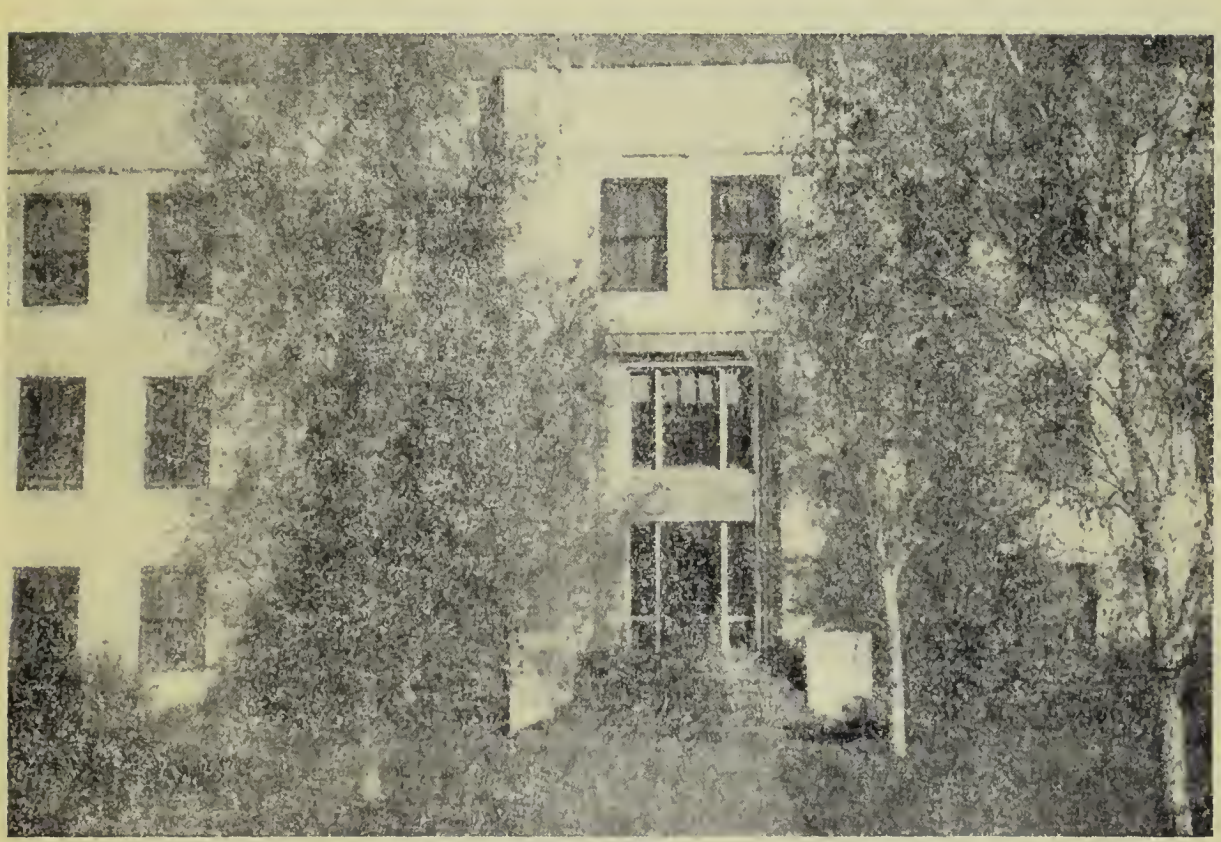

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Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

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Report of Local Executive Board

During the 1957-1958 school year, the State School for the Deaf and Blind has continued to show the same steady progress which has marked its past several years.

The teaching staff in the school for the deaf appears to have done an outstanding job as all the students in the Junior class passed the entrance examinations for admittance to Gallaudet College.

The physical plant has been well maintained and a limited number of improvements have been made to give greater comfort and scholastic advantage to the pupils. We believe the most useful and practical improvement made this past year was the installation of the stainless steel automatic dishwasher in the kitchen. This method of sterilizing the dishes should be a great help in preventing the spread of disease among the children.

Local Executive Board of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

Geordies K. Kotz (Mrs. O.B.), President
John E. Warner, Secretary
Art Jardine, Member.

Superintendent's Report

OCTOBER 1957

The Montana School for the Deaf and Blind opened September 4, 1957. Enrollment now stands at 109 as compared to 107 at the same date last year. Usually there are two or three additional enrollments during the year. The enrollment divides into 74 in the Department for the Deaf and 35 in the Department for the Blind.

All of the students who graduated last June are either steadily employed or enrolled for higher education.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Activities for the school year have been planned and we shall shortly have our year book printed. This is necessary so each staff member can know what is to be done and when it is to be done. This scheduling allows flexibility to take care of activities prepared by outside groups, such as parties, movies, athletic engagements and even weather that is suitable for picnics. Birthdays will be observed and the older children will plan and prepare many activities for themselves under volunteer staff sponsorship.

Copies of the Year Book will be mailed to each member of the State Board of Education.

PHYSICAL PLANT

We did not have to do any extensive remodeling this summer so an intensive program of painting was carried out, using paint which was secured from the Donable Property Division for a very nominal cost.

At this time last year we reported a need for a classroom building as follows:

> "The increased enrollment of young children presents a serious classroom problem. Our classrooms average 15 feet by 19 feet. A classroom for primary children should have toilet facilities and some room for activity periods. We have had to put classes in rooms which were previously used for activities such as finger painting and so on. Six year old blind children who were premature do not have the control necessary to go down stairs and travel three hundred feet to a wash room. We have added a toilet in the previous shop area thus cutting down the distance to approximately one hundred feet. This has not yet entirely relieved the situation. There is an increasing need for about eight modern classrooms for younger children, four in the department for the blind and four in the department for the deaf."

The condition still exists because the last Legislature did not make an appropriation for such a building. The need for this type of building is such that we hope the Board of Education can recommend such an appropriation to the next Legislative session.

The Nelson-Smith Construction Company had the contract for stripping dirt from the city streets preparatory to a city-wide paving project. Mr. Lyman Threet, a former member of our Local Executive Board, arranged for the delivery of over fifty thousand cubic yards of this soil to the School grounds so that they are now properly drained and graded. This was all done at no cost to the School. We sincerely appreciate the continued interest of Mr. Threet in improving the School.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

We received a copy of the letter sent to the State Board of Examiners regarding the most recent safety survey of the school and we are in the process of putting the suggestions into effect. A copy of the inspector's letter is appended and also a report on the action we have taken.

We appreciate the interest shown by inspecting teams and hope that in time a list of structural suggestions for institutional buildings will be accepted so it will be possible to eliminate many of the hazards that are now recognized. We have our own list of suggestions ready to submit for consideration when that time comes.

BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS OF THE PACIFIC

San Franisco 4, California

July 1, 1957

Mr. G.L. Bryant, Executive Secretary
Board of Examiners
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana
Re: Montana State School for the Deaf and Blind
Dear Mr. Bryant:

An inspection of the buildings at the School was made by Mr. A. S. Adair, Asst. State Fire Marshal; Lester Hansen, Board of Examiners' office and the writer.

This report deals with the life and property hazards and contains recommendations for improvements. In this regard the following recommendations for improving conditions are offered for your consideration.

That a pilot light be installed on all the electric outlets where hand electric heating devices are connected.

That the opening between the boiler room and the main building be kept closed with a fire door.

That the metal paint storage cabinet in the manual training department be cleaned up and the top of the cabinet kept clear of storage.

That an incinerator be built outside replacing the one in the main building.

That metal cans with self-closing covers be provided for rags and refuse in the shops.

That a standard fire hydrant be installed at the rear of the building and

supplied by an 8-inch main.

That all fire extinguishers be hung in a readily accessible place in all rooms.

That fire escapes be installed from all floors to be located as near as possible, mid-way between existing stairways.

Sincerely yours,
T. A. Lloyd
Asst. District Engineer

TAL: emr

MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
Great Falls, Montana
September 3, 1957

Mr. G. L. Bryant, Clerk
State Board of Examiners
State Capitol Building
Helena, Montana

Dear Mr. Bryant:

In regard to Mr. Lloyd's letter regarding the School for Deaf and Blind:

Item 1.-Pilot lights have been installed on all outlets where heating elements of any type may be used.

Item 2.-The passage between the boiler room and the main building has been sealed off.

Item 3.-The shop teacher has been advised that the paint cabinet must be kept as instructed or it will be removed.

Item 4.-For a number of years we have been using an open pit for disposal of combustibles other than classroom waste paper. I am not fully satisfied yet and hope that Mr. Evans can take time to go into this problem with me. Architects are still installing the same type of incinerator we have. They should either be approved or discontinued.

Item 5.-All shops are equipped with metal self-closing cans.

Item 6.-The City of Great Falls is at present installing a twelve inch pipe line past the school. This line is equipped with a fire hydrant which will give us this protection.

Item 7.-This is our standard practice. The extinguishers are all checked annually.

Item 8.-We are ready to install fire escapes as soon as we are advised what type of escape will be approved and what type of door to install. Some fire escapes present greater danger to children than the fire hazard.

Respectfully,
Glenn I. Harris

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JANUARY 1958
STUDENTS

The student population is 110 this year. The enrollment divides as follows:

Deaf	Girls	35	Blind	Girls	21
Deaf	Boys	40	Blind	Boys	14
		75			35

Last year at the same time the total enrollment was 108.

Despite the class time lost due to influenza it is expected that most students will show satisfactory progress when achievement tests are given in January.

Nationally, the education of the deaf is approaching a time of crisis as enrollment in schools for the deaf is increasing while training centers for teachers of the deaf are not turning out enough of these specialized teachers to replace those who are retiring. State schools will find it increasingly difficult to retain these teachers in competition with city school systems which are willing to pay them premium salaries in the field of speech correction for public school children.

This school is not in the higher salary bracket but the quality of teaching is either above the national average or Montana children are naturally superior according to comparative test grades.

The Christmas program this year was under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Eriksen and Miss Emma Koetitz, assisted by all members of the staff. The school auditorium was filled to capacity and an open house was held. Programs were taped for broadcast on two local radio stations.

All children went home for the Christmas holidays. The renewal of family ties is quite important to children.

HEALTH

Last summer considerable publicity was given to Asiatic flu and to vaccine for it. After consultation the physicians at the Great Falls Clinic advised against mass inoculation, preferring to only vaccinate the children whose parents requested it. They felt that by checking all children daily and hospitalizing them at the first symptom it would be possible to avoid serious illnesses.

The influenza cases were relatively light. Throat cultures were made on all cases and treatment was given for any foreign organisms which were found. Recoveries were prompt and satisfactory in all cases. The only aftermaths were an appendectomy for a boy and three days observation of a girl. Both children had previously shown symptoms of having appendixes which would bear watching.

Parents are held responsible for all expenses for dental care. We have been requesting parents to have their dentist check their children's teeth regularly at home so that we would only need to have incidental and emergency treat-

ment during the school term. Parental cooperation has been very satisfactory so that a minimum of time is lost from school attendance for trips to the dentist.

SIGHT SAVING BOOKS

Montana pioneered in making sight saving books (large print on buff paper) available to visually handicapped children in public school. These books are available through the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This program was originally financed by appropriations made by the Montana Legislature. Not all states have yet installed such a program.

It is a pleasure to note that the Federal Government has recognized the value of such programs and is now making available credit with the American Printing House for the Blind to supply these books as needed.

Experiments with mentally retarded children have shown that children in the lower educable level can advance more rapidly in reading large print books than they can in using standard print. Further studies are needed in this area.

In recent years publishers have greatly improved the type used in text books, making it larger and more legible. The writer hopes that this improvement will be followed in time by the use of off-white paper stock, without gloss. Some educators feel that the elimination of glare in text books would eliminate a third of the discipline problems in schools.

PHYSICAL PLANT

The main building was put in good condition during the summer. In compliance with the fire marshal's suggestion the door of the incinerator has been insulated with asbestos so it no longer presents any danger of burning a child's hand. A water line has been tapped adjacent to the incinerator and a fire hose has been installed. Mr. Henry Evans of the State Engineer's staff has studied the possibility of installing a fire escape in the center of the building. This can and will be done in the near future.

APRIL 1958

GRADUATION

Commencement Exercises will be held on Tuesday evening, June 3rd. Five students from the Department for the Deaf will receive twelfth grade diplomas. There will not be a graduating class from the Department of the Blind this year. Those who will graduate are as follows:

Rolph Foster, Joplin
Denzel McDowell, Whitefish
Juanita Roup, Livingston
Robert Tabish, Missoula
Lawrence Weese, Billings

The State Rehabilitation Department will have preliminary arrangements made for these young people before the close of school in case they wish to

have specialized education after graduation. Two of the students may want advanced training and we expect three to be placed in trade shortly after school closes.

EDUCATIONAL TRIP

Every year the eleventh and twelfth grade classes have a tour to some point of interest with their sponsors. Part of the value of such a trip is to encourage the children to set their scholastic goals high. Each student has pledged to earn $40.00 for the cost of the trip and to maintain a standard of scholarship which will allow the students to spend one week on the trip.

The State Training School at Boulder has a forty passenger bus, procured through the Donable Properties Division. This bus is in excellent condition and Dr. Westwell is willing to furnish this bus and two drivers for the trip with this school paying all expenses and a suitable compensation for the bus and drivers. Details of insurance will be completed shortly. The trip will be financed at no cost to the state.

The plan is for the group to spend six days making a tour which includes the main points of interest in the Denver and Colorado Springs areas, the week starting May 11. Planning the trip and making the contacts with Chambers of Commerce has been of value to children. Achievement tests showed that the students have made progress beyond expectation since they have had this incentive. The group will be guests of the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind for one night and day.

SANITATION

At our request, inspectors from the City-County Health Department made a thorough check of our food handling procedure. They suggested the addition of a supplemental water heater for the rinse cycle of the dishwasher which is over twenty years old. This unit would have cost $350.00 plus installation charge. Mr. Ernst procured for us a new stainless steel automatic dishwasher through the Donable Properties Division of the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction at a cost of $450.00. This sum represented the cost of transportation and handling. This was less than ten percent of the list price of the machine. Our dishes will now meet the classification of "Sanitary". Dishes can never be classified as "sterile" because that requires live steaming by direct contact as is done with metal milk cans. It is a pleasure to be able to modernize the kitchen without going above our budget for repairs.

Mr. Henry Evans, of the State Engineer's staff, has checked bathroom areas with us relative to improvement and modernization. This is not emergent but it can be done during the summer if funds remain in this year's repair budget at the close of June. If this project is done, materials will be procured from the Donable Properties Division and from wholesale plumbing supply houses. All new installations at this school are made by Local plumbing firms. We have found that bids are most economical and all installations must meet code requirements.

STAFF

We are asking for substantial raises for Mr. Mervin Garretson and for Mr. Floyd McDowell. These men head the two educational departments for the deaf and for the blind. They are responsible for the coordination of the two teaching staffs and both men make themselves available on call at all times. They do not confine their work to school hours. Both men could receive more money for similar positions in other states but we feel the proposed increases would show them their efforts are appreciated and recognized.

Mr. Robert LeMieux, who has taught for the two years on half day basis, is also a printer. He feels that one position is enough and, although he prefers teaching to printing, he has to stay with printing because of the higher salary.

Mrs. Carol Garretson wishes to change from full time to half time teaching in order to have more time with her children.

At the present time we are not sure it will be necessary to have a beginners' class in the department for the deaf. For that reason we have not submitted a request for appointment of a full time teacher to take Mrs. Garretson's place but only for approval of position and compensation if it becomes necessary.

BUDGET

Funds are available and budgeted for all salaries as requested for the fiscal year 1957-58. A check of current operational expenses shows that there will be no shortage of funds during the current fiscal year. Savings effected by utilizing surplus commodities and by procuring materials through the Donable Properties Division have made it possible to operate within appropriations through the current biennum.

JULY, 1958

GRADUATION

The five members of the graduating class had the honor of receiving their twelfth grade diplomas from Mrs. O. B. Kotz, president of the Local Board of this school. Major John K. Bawden, of the Salvation Army, delivered the Commencement address. An open house was held after the ceremonies.

Scholarships and awards in the amount of five hundred and seventy dollars were presented. The largest amount was for six scholarships of fifty dollars each to boys who will be going to Gallaudet College this fall. The Montana Association of the Deaf made this presentation.

Language presents a great difficulty to the deaf child who has missed the informal learning which comes through the ear. For that reason, less than two percent of the children entering schools for the deaf go on to college. Admission to the college for the deaf is by written examination. Only children who have carried on an intensive reading program to overcome the language handicap, can expect to pass the entrance examinations. Gallaudet College gives one year of preparatory work plus four years of accredited college work. The preparatory class is intend to put the outstanding deaf students of the country into an atmosphere of intellectual competition, which is rarely possible in a

state school for the deaf.

The nine members of the eleventh grade decided years ago that they wanted to go to college. The probability of any one deaf student being accepted for college entrance is about one chance in fifty at the completion of the twelfth grade. All nine passed.

It is possible that several of this class will decide to go ahead to graduate here in place of entering college. Even so, it is a satisfaction to know that, academically, our students rank well above the national average.

We have some slow learning students who can not complete the course of study. One boy will not return this fall because of age. The State Rehabilitation Department has arranged for him to take training in body and fender work. Fitting the slow boy to take his place in the world will be as satisfying an experience as that of helping more talented students to reach their potential.

In addition to class work, a full program of outside activities is carried on. The development of personality and responsibility are the main objectives of this phase of school life.

STAFF

Mrs. Naomi Hallock, typist, resigned May 1 to accompany her husband who has taken a position in North Dakota. Mrs. Mary Cramer has filled this place satisfactorily, and we ask approval of her appointment for the fiscal year 1958-59.

Mrs. Esther Johnson, school nurse, plans to retire this summer to take care of an invalid sister. Our children will miss her care during the time they need sympathy and medication. We have not yet selected a lady to follow her.

Miss Flo Ellen Davisson has married. Her name is now Flo Ellen Hippe. She plans to continue in her position as teacher of the deaf.

Mrs. Irene Lynch, teacher of the deaf, has accepted a like position in the Indiana School for the Deaf. She was one of our highest paid teachers. In her new position, she will receive twelve hundred dollars more than our salary schedule will permit. She leaves with our best wishes.

Mrs. June Meier, an experienced public school teacher, has substituted when teachers of the deaf have been absent. Mrs. Meier has voluntarily observed and practiced under our experienced teachers during the past term to prepare herself for the first opening on our staff. We feel that she will fill Mrs. Lynch's place creditably.

Mr. Clarence Altop plans to retire after forty-two years of service as leathercraft instructor, laundry man and school barber. He has been a faithful and valued employee of the school. It is a pleasure to know that he can now retire without suffering financially.

Mr. Victor Lyon, who has been on the maintenance staff of Montana State College for a number of years, applied for Mr. Altop's place some years ago. It was explained to Mr. Lyon that it would be necessary for any one employed

for teaching to have two years of college. Mr. Lyon has carried college courses to fulfill those requirements. We expect to change the emphasis from leathercraft to general shop, which is of great pre-vocational value. Thirty years ago, leathercrafting was of value for some deaf workmen but it is no longer profitable. Mr. Lyon will also teach some arithmetic classes, so one less teacher will have to be hired.

Mr. Altop devoted a major portion of the day to doing laundry work. Checking the cost of laundrying at the school against the cost of having the work done commercially, shows that it will be much more economical to send the laundry to town. A school this size can not operate a laundry as economically as a man who does so for profit.

Mrs. A. Lillian Ponikver has acted as dining room helper for the past school year. She has told us that she plans to move to the coast this summer to be near a daughter.

Mrs. Florence Lefebre who would have been laundry helper if Mr. Altop had not retired, will take Mrs. Ponikver's place in the dining room.

APPRECIATION

The final report of the school year would not be complete without mentioning the help we have received from the Donable Property Division of the State Superintendent's office, and of Mr. Mix in the State Purchasing Department in securing price support commodities for the school. These departments have made it possible for many improvements to be made at the school without special appropriations.

We wish to thank the members of the Local Executive Board who have continued to give their time and assistance in school and administrative problems and also in the field of public relations.

1958 Graduates

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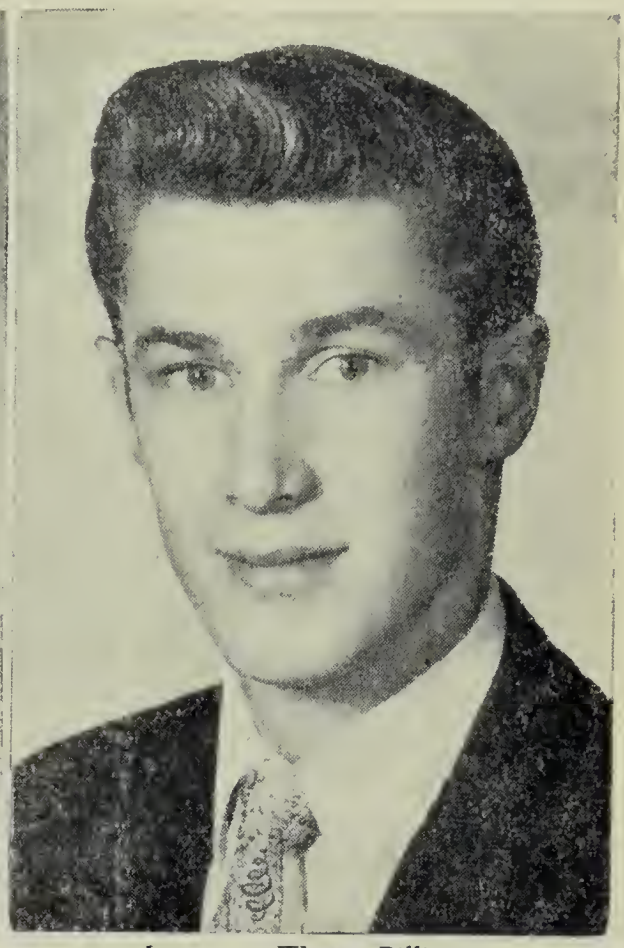

Lawrence Weese, Billings

General Information

HISTORY: The School for the Deaf and Blind was established in September, 1893, and until 1937 was located in Boulder, on the same campus as the State Training School. In October, 1937 the school was separated from the Training School and moved to new quarters in Great Falls.

LOCATION: The Montana School for the Deaf and Blind is situated at the eastern city limits of Great Falls. Highway 87 and 89 pass the school at 38th street. The address is 3800 Second Avenue North.

PURPOSE: The school is maintained by the state under the direction of the State Board of Education for the education of children too deaf or too blind to make satisfactory progress in the public schools.

AGE: Pupils between the ages of 6 and 18 are eligible for admittance but no student who has completed high school may be enrolled.

TRAINING: The department for the deaf is conducted by a staff of well-trained experienced teachers. Lip reading and speech are the chief methods of instruction. In addition to regular school subjects offered in all grades through 12, vocational training is provided. Among trades taught deaf boys are: printing, woodworking, shoe repairing, leather work; to girls: sewing, dressmaking, domestic science and typewriting.

The School for the Blind is equipped to give academic instruction either

in the Braille or sight-saving department. Vocational training and music are on the curriculum.

RESIDENCE: The institution is a boarding school, and is in session from the second Wednesday in September until the second Wednesday in June with exception of Christmas holidays. Day pupils are admitted, but all students are entitled to free board and room.

COST: There is no cost for tuition. books, living expenses or care. Parents are expected to provide transportation for pupils, clothing and approximately $20 per year for incidental expenses such as shoe repairs, haircuts, toothpaste, etc. Section 1463, Chapter 29 of the Revised codes of Montana provides for county assistance for indigent families.

ADMISSION: Pupils are admitted on trial subject to their physical and mental ability to receive instruction. Upon request, an application blank will be provided by the school. The application must be completely filled out and returned together with a certificate of good health and freedom from contagious or infectious diseases. A transcript of credits or letters from teacher or principal is also required when the pupil is transferred from the public schools.

HEALTH: A resident nurse is on duty at the school at all times and a clinic is provided for children who are ill. Ordinary medical care is provided free and operations and extended treatment must be paid for by parents.

RECREATION: Pupils are given an opportunity for three hours of physical training weekly under direction. Recreation ground and rooms are provided, and school parties, moving pictures and other entertainments are scheduled regularly. Pupils enjoy skating, hiking, basketball, and many other types of recreation. Radios, phonographs and pianos are placed in recreation rooms.

CLOTHING: Uniforms or special clothing are not required. Every garment must be plainly marked in indelible ink or by means of woven name tapes which may be obtained at department stores or mail order houses. Linens, bedding and towels are provided by the school. A list of suggested clothing may be obtained upon request. Clothing is laundered at the school.

GENERAL CARE: Supervisors are employed at the school who serve as housemothers and counsellors. Nourishing, well balanced meals are served. There is plenty of milk, butter, vegetables, meat, potatoes and other wholesome food.

VISITORS: Parents, relatives and friends may visit their children as often as they wish. Other visitors are welcomed on school days (Monday through Friday) between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 and 4 p.m. Groups of persons desiring to visit the school may come at the other times by special arrangement. Pupils may go out during weekends, or after school hours with parents, relatives or friends by advising us in advance. However, no pupil is permitted to go except with parents, unless we have written permission from home.

For further information write to:

Glenn I. Harris, President
School for the Deaf and Blind

Student Population

County	Name	Age	Class	Town
Big Horn	Alvin Birdhat	12	Deaf	Lame Deer
Big Horn	Patricia Breen	10	Blind	Hardin
Big Horn	Loretha Risingsun	14	Deaf	Lame Deer
Blaine	Donald Annis	8	Deaf	Chinook
Blaine	Janet Kessner	13	Blind	Chinook
Cascade	Victor Adams	14	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Fred Bass	18	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Louise Beach	9	Blind	Fort Shaw
Cascade	Donna Boyer	9	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Orva Daniel	7	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Betty Dawkins	13	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	*Patricia Dawkins	6	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Sheri Ann Eckhardt	8	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Robert Ellesch	10	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Carol Gosso	16	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	*Mary Guttenberg	6	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Donald Hall	14	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Thomas Harper	13	Deaf	Vaughn
Cascade	Patricia Hennings	9	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Katherine Hensley	16	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Karen Huffman	9	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Jeffrey Hutton	9	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Lyle Johnson	13	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Robert Klessig	17	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Wendy LeBlanc	15	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Harold Leigland	11	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Gary McManus	8	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	James Mullins	9	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	James Murphy	8	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Anita Nelson	8	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	James Pedersen	17	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Douglas Pederson	8	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Roy Price	20	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	*Idella Privratsky	6	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Billy Rowland	16	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Gary Sander	18	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	*Stephen Schrupp	6	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Karen Short	19	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Gary Taylor	9	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Nancy Upton	14	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Eddie VanTighem	17	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Bonnie Wheeler	17	Deaf	Great Falls
Custer	Micheal Root	10	Blind	Miles City

Dawson	*Elizabeth Daniel	6	Blind	Glendive
Dawson	Sharon Skogas	17	Deaf	Lindsay
Deer Lodge	*Jimmy Clawson	16	Blind	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Robert Flink	13	Deaf	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Daffney Kohler	19	Blind	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Kenneth Menahan	20	Deaf	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Mary Susan Morse	13	Blind	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	*Donald Vucasovich	14	Blind	Anaconda
Fergus	Gunnar Hain	8	Blind	Lewistown
Flathead	Denzel McDowell	20	Deaf	Whitefish
Flathead	Kenneth Pahrman	19	Blind	Whitefish
Flathead	Sharon Pahrman	11	Blind	Whitefish
Flathead	Joan Polson	14	Blind	Kalispell
Flathead	Sandra Polson	12	Blind	Kalispell
Flathead	David Wise	13	Deaf	Kalispell
Gallatin	Dorothy Dunn	13	Blind	Bozeman
Gallatin	Edie LaPalme	13	Blind	Bozeman
Gallatin	Mary Ann Smith	16	Deaf	Manhattan
Gallatin	Joey Toohey	10	Blind	Belgrade
Glacier	Donald Maynard	11	Deaf	Browning
Hill	David Herbold	10	Deaf	Hingham
Hill	*Linda Jaroscak	7	Blind	Havre
Hill	Joyce McSloy	13	Deaf	Havre
Hill	*Catherine Spinler	8	Blind	Rudyard
Lewis and Clark	Patsy Chippewa	13	Blind	Helena
Lewis and Clark	Sylvia Chippewa	12	Blind	Helena
Lewis and Clark	Nancy Chop	11	Deaf	Helena
Liberty	Rolph Foster	20	Deaf	Joplin
Lincoln	Dennis Hall	9	Deaf	Troy
Madison	David Davis	16	Deaf	Twin Bridges
Mineral	Anita Sides	8	Deaf	Superior
Mineral	Thomas Sides	19	Deaf	Superior
Missoula	*Joy Ann Goodover	6	Blind	Missoula
Missoula	Russell Kellmer	17	Deaf	Missoula
Missoula	Patrick Morris	9	Blind	Missoula
Missoula	Robert Tabish	19	Deaf	Missoula
Missoula	Sally Wolfe	14	Deaf	Missoula
Park	Vivian Menefee	9	Deaf	Livingston
Park	Juanita Roup	19	Deaf	Livingston
Park	Jerry Williams	10	Deaf	Livingston
Pondera	*Charles Berry, Jr.	6	Blind	Conrad
Pondera	Lee Ann McLane	10	Deaf	Conrad
Pondera	Yvonne Moon	12	Deaf	Valier

Ravalli	Leslie Peterson	14	Deaf	Stevensville
Richland	Irene Ulshafer	17	Deaf	Sidney
Rosebud	Ellen Polley	10	Blind	Forsyth
Roosevelt	Jerry Kuehne	7	Deaf	Wolf Point
Sheridan	Julie Miller	12	Deaf	Westby
Silver Bow	Jennie Emery	14	Deaf	Butte
Silver Bow	Sharon Maki	18	Deaf	Butte
Stillwater	Donna Maher	14	Deaf	Reed Point
Toole	Dorothy Kanning	13	Deaf	Dunkirk
Toole	Elizabeth Kanning	12	Deaf	Dunkirk
Toole	Leslie Sherrard	10	Deaf	Ledger
Toole	Sandra Sherrard	8	Deaf	Ledger
Wheatland	Glenn Chamberlin	14	Blind	Harlowton
Yellowstone	James Aldrich	9	Blind	Billings
Yellowstone	Karen Brown	18	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Floyd Friez	8	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Robert Gililland	11	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	*Jessie Lopez	7	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	*Stewart Rismon	8	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	*Lon Ulvestad	9	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Larry Weese	19	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Lillian Wittman	13	Deaf	Huntley
Yellowstone	Bette Wolfe	11	Deaf	Billings

*New Students

Hospital Report

1957—1958

Total Treated in School Hospital by Months

MONTH	OUT PATIENTS	BED PATIENTS	DAYS
Sept., 1957	616	10	28
Oct., 1957	487	77	326
Nov., 1957	578	13	45
Dec., 1957	539	9	44
Jan., 1958	651	10	41
Feb., 1958	689	14	49
Mar., 1958	674	11	48
April, 1958	662	6	16
May, 1958	691	6	14
June, 1958	45	0	0
	5632	156	611

All children were weighed once a month and their height measured in September and the last of May.

14 new entrants were given complete physical examinations. All tests were negative.

7 children were taken to the Clinic for polio booster shots.

14 children were taken to the Dentist; 6 had extractions, 4 had fillings, and 2 had teeth cleaned, some just had examinations.

3 children had warts removed from feet, 5 children were treated for warts on hands.

2 children were taken to the Clinic for flu shots.

2 children were taken to the Clinic for smallpox vaccinations for canker sores.

3 children had the German measles.

4 children had eye refractions with 2 being fitted for glasses.

1 child was taken to the Mental Hygiene Clinic.

1 child was taken to the hospital for first aid on a scalp wound, injured while playing.

2 children were taken to the hospital for appendectomies.

1 child was taken to the hospital for a local section—negative.

1 child was taken to the hospital for observation following intestinal flu.

1 child was taken to the hospital for surgery on an infected ingrown toe nail.

1 child had surgery for an infected ingrown toe nail while home in March.

1 child was taken to a Dermatologist for treatment of a rash on face.

1 child was taken to a Dermatologist for treatment of acne.

1 child was taken to the Clinic for treatment for post accident shock.

1 child was taken to the Clinic for chest x-ray.

1 child was taken to the Clinic for persistent nose bleed.

1 child was given supplementary lunch for five months, and 2 others were given supplementary lunch for six weeks.

14 deaf Juniors and Seniors were taken to the Clinic for physical examinations for the Rehabilitation program.

7 girls were given gamma globulin as a prophylactic for hepatitis.

During the October and November flu epidemic, the House Mothers gave 33 children 124 day's care while children were sick and convalescing.

The help of our Matron, Mrs. Harris, and my relief nurse was greatly appreciated.

The above information submitted by

Esther T. Johnson, School Nurse

Physician's Report

GREAT FALLS CLINIC
Great Falls, Montana
June , 1958

Department of Pediatrics

Mr. Glenn Harris,
Superintendent
Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
Great Falls, Montana

Dear Mr. Harris:

I wish again to thank you and the staff at the school for the fine cooperation that you have given to us in the medical care of the children.

There have been some new and interesting developments including the history sheets which we have used for the first time. Needless to say, it has been very helpful to both the doctors and the nurse. This is one innovation that should be continued each year as the new students come in.

I was sorry to learn of Mrs. Johnson's leaving because she has really been wonderful to the children and most helpful and cooperative to the doctors. She will, indeed, be missed at the school.

I hope the children and the staff have a wonderful summer.

Very sincerely,
Joseph W. Brinkley, M. D.

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Calendar of Events

September 4, Wednesday — School opens
September 5, Thursday — Classes resume
September 27, Friday — Camping trip
October 4, Friday — Camping trip
October 18, Friday — First 6-weeks' marking period
October 25, Friday — Halloween Costume Party
Committee: Mrs. Garretson, Mr. Balogi, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Ritcher
October 26, Saturday — Magic Show
November 23, Saturday — Thanksgiving Party
Committee: Mrs. McDowell, Mr. Altop, Miss Koetitz and Miss Kennedy
November 27, Wednesday — School closes at noon
November 28, Thursday — Thanksgiving Day
December 1, Sunday — Children return
December 2, Monday — Classes resume
December 6, Friday — Second 6-weeks' marking period
December 10, Tuesday — Gallaudet Day (10 a.m. services) Mr. Balogi
Decembeer 18, Wednesday — Elks Program
December 19, Thursday — Christmas Pageant
Mrs. Eriksen, Miss Koetitz, and all members of school faculty
December 20, Friday — Vacation begins (no school)
January 5, Sunday — Children return
January 6, Monday — Classes resume
January 18, Saturday — Winter Party
Committee: Mr. Czernicki, Miss Rankin, Mr. McDowell and Mrs. Aamoth
January 27-28-29, M-T-W — Mid-Year Examinations
January 30-31, Thurs.-Fri. — Metropolitan Achievement Tests
January 31, Friday — Third 6-weeks' marking period
February 22, Saturday — Washington's Party
Committee: Mrs. Woerner, Mr. Eriksen, Miss Koetitz and Mrs. Richter
March 14, Friday — Fourth 6-weeks' marking period
March 15, Saturday — St. Patrick's Party
Committee: Mr. LeMieux, Miss Davisson, Miss Kennedy and Mrs. Cox
April 3, Thursday — School closes at noon
April 6, Sunday — Easter Sunday
April 7, Monday — Children return
April 8, Tuesday — Classes resume
April 25, Friday — Fifth 6-weeks' marking period
April 26, Saturday — Jeans Party
Committee: Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Kolander, Mrs. Aamoth and Miss Kennedy

April 28-29, Mon-Tues ..... Stanford Achievement Tests
May 2, Friday ..... Musical (Department for the Blind)
May 6, Tuesday ..... Arbor Day (10 a.m. services)
Mr. McDowell and Mr. Garretson
May 21, Wednesday ..... Field Day
Mr. Garretson, Chairman and all faculty men on committee
May 28-29, Wed-Thurs ..... Final Examinations
May 30, Friday ..... Memorial Day (no school)
June 1, Sunday ..... Baccalaureate, 2:30 p.m.
June 2, Monday ..... Final Examinations completed
June 3, Tuesday ..... Final 6-weeks' marking period
Commencement, 8 p.m.
June 4, Wednesday ..... School closes for summer vacation

Daily Schedule

Rise ..... 6:30 a.m.
Breakfast ..... 7:15 a.m.
School ..... 9:00 a.m.
Recess (Primary deaf) ..... 10:15-10:30 a.m.
Dinner ..... 11:45 a.m.
School ..... 1:00 p.m.
Primary recess ..... 2:00-2:15 p.m.
Primary classes dismissed ..... 3:00 p.m.
All classes dismissed ..... 4:00 p.m.
Recreation ..... 4:15 p.m.
Supper ..... 5:45 p.m.
Study hall (intermediate and advanced) ..... 7:00 p.m.
Gym classes ..... 7-9 p.m.
Study hour dismissed ..... 8:00 p.m.
Retire (Small pupils) ..... 7:15 p.m.
Retire (Older pupils) ..... 9:00 p.m.

No classes or study hour on Saturdays

Sunday and Holiday Schedule

Rise ..... 7:00 a.m.
Breakfast ..... 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School* ..... 9:30 a.m.
Instruction for Catholic pupils* ..... 10:30 a.m.
Dinner ..... 12:30 p.m.
Supper ..... 5:45 p.m.
Retire (Small pupils) ..... 7:15 p.m.
Retire (Older pupils) ..... 9:00 p.m.

*Sunday only

Sample Menu

BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER
Sunday	Roast Chicken	
Sliced Peaches	Sage Dressing	Spiced Ham
Sugar-Krisp	Mashed Potatoes	Mustard
Milk	Giblet Gravy	Tomato Juice
Coffee Cake	Celery - Olives	Steamed Rice
Butter-Cocoa	Ice Cream	Chocolate Cake
	Bread - Butter - Milk	Bread - Butter - Milk
Monday		Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Oranges	Barbecued Spare Ribs	Dill Pickles
Oatmeal	Riced Potatoes	Cold Tomatoes
Milk	Buttered Carrots	Pears
Toast	Bread Pudding	Gingerbread
Butter-Jam	Rolls - Butter - Milk	Milk
Tuesday	Roast Beef	
Grapefruit Sections	Mashed Potatoes	Boiled Eggs - Fried Potatoes
Rice Krispies	Brown Gravy	Raw Celery and Carrots
Milk	Buttered Corn	Angel Food Cake
Pancakes	Banana - Cream Pie	Fresh Grapes
Syrup-Butter	Bread - Butter - Milk	Bread - Butter - Milk
Wednesday		
Apple Juice	Fried Ham	Spaghetti with meat
Corn Meal Mush	Candied Sweet Potatoes	Tomato Sauce
Milk	Green Beans	Celery
Toast	Cinnamon Rolls	Tapioca Pudding
Butter-Jam	Bread - Butter - Milk	Bread - Butter - Milk
Thursday	Round Steak	
Apricot Juice	Mashed Potatoes	Meat Pie with Biscuits
Wheaties	Buttered Peas	Celery
Milk	Fruit Jello	Canned Cherries
Toast	Whipped Cream	Bread - Butter - Milk
Butter-Jam	Bread - Butter - Milk	
Friday		Vegetable Soup
Orange Juice	Fillet of Sole	Crackers
Cream of Wheat	Baked Potatoes	Peanut Butter
Milk	Health Salad	Cottage Cheese
Toast	Apple Pie	Apples
Butter-Jam	Bread - Butter - Milk	Cookies
		Bread - Butter - Milk
Saturday		Hamburger Patties - Catsup
Grape Juice	Boiled Beef and Noodles	Dill Pickles
Oatmeal	Steamed Potatoes	Sliced Tomatoes & Onions
Milk	Pickled Beets	Pork and Beans
Toast	Butterscotch Pudding	Fruit Cocktail
Butter-Jam	Bread - Butter - Milk	Cinnamon Bread - Butter
		Milk